



Guaranteed *Express*

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Summer Issue

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Message from Deputy Administrator

Welcome to the summer edition of the FSA Guaranteed Newsletter. I'm Jim Radintz, Acting Deputy Administrator for Farm Loan Programs. Chris Beyerhelm held the position of Deputy Administrator for several years and has now moved to the position of Associate Administrator for Operations and Management for FSA. We wish Chris well in his new position.

I have worked with Farm Loan Programs for over 35 years and during that time I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many of you across the country. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your participation in FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program. The guaranteed loan program is a wonderful example of a successful public-private partnership. Together we've provided capital to thousands of farmers and ranchers that help keep this country thriving, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Featured on USDA "Week in Review."

Colorado organic farmer obtains financing provided by FSA guaranteed loan. To view clip click: [Video](#)



Funding: Demand for FSA guaranteed loans continues to keep up with previous years. As we enter the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2015 (July-September 2015) many of our Nations farmers will be looking for affordable credit to help with harvesting and preparing for next season.

Funds available for the remaining Fiscal Year as of **July 30, 2015:**

Guaranteed Operating;	\$ 142,851,000	Total Loans to date:	4,365
Guaranteed Farm Ownership	\$ 316,064,000	Total Loans to Date:	3,634
Guaranteed Conservation	\$ 148,645,000	Total Loans to Date:	1

Current Funding information may be obtained by visiting [FSA-Funding](#)

How to reach us:

FSA maintains an office in each State.

To locate an office near you: [Click](#)

Oops: We would like to recognize Farm Credit East as one of our original PLP lenders and say thank you for your participation in Farm Service Agency's Guaranteed Loan Program over the past 16 years. Our apologies for omitting in the last newsletter.

Welcome New Lenders March-June 2015

- **United State Bank**-Lewistown, Missouri
- **First Community Credit Union**-Jamestown, North Dakota

AD-3030: Lenders are required to submit AD-3030 for each guarantee request if they are a corporation. This restriction only applies to the corporation. Previously, the restriction applied to officers and agent's action on behalf of the corporation. 2-FLP Handbook amendments are coming and will provide more information.



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Digital Signature

FSA recently issued new procedures for the use of digital signatures by FSA for certain forms. As we continue our efforts to transform into the new digital environment, we want to ensure all of FSA's customers and stakeholders are informed and how the Agency will implement our services using this new technology.

Forms authorized for Guaranteed Loan Programs include:

- FSA-2201, Lenders Agreement
- FSA-2232, Conditional Commitment
- FSA-2235, Loan Guarantee
- FSA-2242, Assignment of Guarantee

To obtain a list of all FSA authorized forms for digital signatures [Click Here:](#)

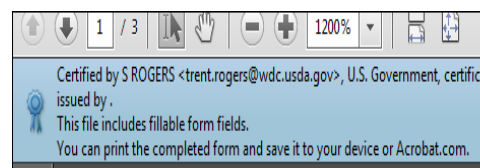
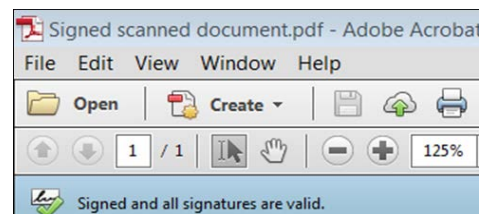
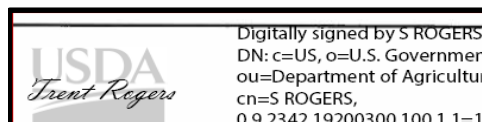
To obtain most recent 2-FLP Handbook Amendment: [Click Here:](#)

USDA requires use of a certificate to validate FSA official's identity. Forms executed with digital signature will have the name of FSA official and credential next to signature.

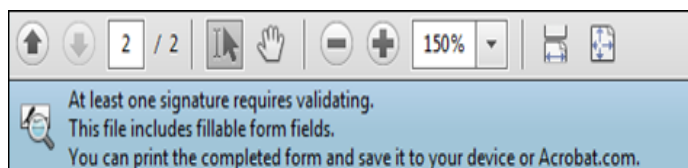
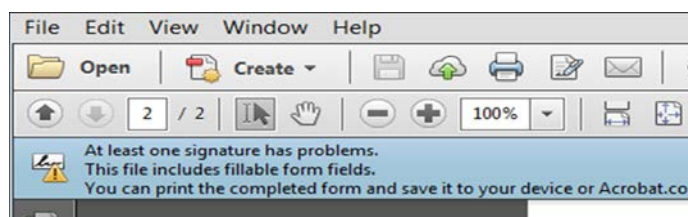
How to recognize a valid FSA digitally signed document

Examples of a **Valid** FSA Official Signature

Digital Signature Example:



Examples of **Invalid** signatures



Down The Road:

- Fall Issue: November 2015
- New funding limits for FY-2016
- Success Story